

## Casa de Oracion Getsemani

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Re: WC Docket Nos. 18-143, 10-90 and 14-58; FCC 18-57 Proposed Rule by FCC on 06/13/2018 ID: FCC-2018-0212-0002 https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/filings

## Dear Chairman:

We are writing to unite with the efforts of CPR, (Centro de Preparación y Respuesta) after the tragedy of Maria we were working with the Puerto Rican community that is living in the mainland to help the people of the Island.

Some of the conclusions that were gathered after the hurricane was the lack of communication after losing power and cell towers. People became very frustrated and disheartened because they were unable to reach their loved ones. As a community of faith, we came together to aid and assist. We personally sent a commission with batteries flashlights and money to help some of the most affected people on the east coast of the Island.

After witnessing first hand; not only the destruction of the Island but also the desperation of the people in not being able to communicate, we made a concerted decision to become involved.

Our desire is that any financial investment should be directed towards the development of better communication for the benefit of those who reside in the Island. That the technology that will be used for communication may be able to withstand future weather calamities that the Island may endure.

It is imperative that the FCC understands that any long-term investment in the communications infrastructure of Puerto Rico must include satellite technology. Not only must satellite technology be included, it must be a priority in any restoration funding efforts. Satellite broadband was the only reliable communications system in the aftermath of the hurricanes and must be fully implemented across the island in order to build a truly resilient and connected Puerto Rico. FCC

Chairman Ajit Pai himself recently declared in an interview on WKAQ580 radio while in Puerto Rico, that the FCC's intention was to "put Puerto Rico squarely on the map when it comes to digital innovation". To achieve what Chairman Pai has declared, satellite technology must be a priority for new communication systems. To exclude satellite technology from inclusion in the Uniendo a Puerto Rico Fund would be a grave oversight. Thank you for your dedication to serving the people of Puerto Rico during this difficult time and for your consideration of our remarks. Should you have any questions or wish to speak further, please contact us at 401-255-0370.

Sincerely,

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